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Marginal Column

By ZE'EV LAQUEUR

LAST week, Russia lost two of her leading historians, two men who had very great obstacles to overcome in the early internationalist phase of Soviet history but who subsequently became accepted as central figures in their field. Robert Yurewitch Wipper already had an academic career behind him in 1917, (he must have been very nearly one hundred when he died last week); he was an old-fashioned liberal, and his works dealt mainly with the early history of Christianity. Lenin did not like his approach and criticized this bourgeois historian for not "fighting actively against the prejudices and the deception of the Church, and his comic and reactionary pretension to circumvent both idealist and materialist extremities." Wipper left the Soviet Union in 1924 and became professor at Riga University, where he remained until the annexation of that country by Russia in 1940. Then he returned to Moscow and, well over eighty, his second and more spectacular Russian career began. Some people recalled that back in 1922, Wipper had written a study of Ivan IV, the Terrible, which had been free from any taint of historical materialism, but had presented that famous Czar for once in a sympathetic manner. Wipper, in that book, defended the thesis that the historic importance of Ivan IV was in the primacy of foreign affairs in his policy (occupation of the Baltic countries and the gaining of a position in the Baltic Sea).

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YEVGENI Tarlé's career was, if possible, even more dramatic. A Karaite by origin, he had also been a professor in Czarist Russia and his early work, such as on Napoleon's blockade of the continent, bore evidence of much erudition but few if any traces of any particular doctrinairism. Tarlé remained in Russia after the Revolution and continued to write, but was strongly attacked by the revolutionary school of Pokrovski which, in the Twenties, had a dominant position in Soviet historiography. In 1930, he was exiled to Central Asia as a "class enemy and imperialist," and his career seemed over when his name was mentioned in one of the early Soviet trials as the prospective Foreign Minister of one group of alleged conspirators. But then came the switch to the nationalist line in the middle Thirties. Pokrovski's school was banned and Tarlé was called back from exile. His first new attempt, "Bonaparte" (1936), misfired because he wrote that the war of 1812 was not a national war, that there had been no single national mass revolt, such as in Spain, against Napoleon, and that the peasants as a group took no part in guerrilla activities. Seriously reprimanded for these views, which were hardly in the spirit of the times and the new stress put on national defence, Tarlé corrected his mistakes in "Napoleon's Invasion of Russia" (1937) (translated into many languages), in which he said that "the entire war against the invading Napoleon was solidly a national war; that the guerrilla movement was all-decisive and that only by means of the most active voluntary help sedulously tendered was the irreparable, fatal blow inflicted by the people's arm upon the greatest commander in world's history." This, of course, was far better, and Tarlé at once regained a place in the first rank of Soviet historians. Then was a small incident in 1951, when he reiterated his old belief (common to all historians up to that date) that the Russian Army had burned Moscow before the entry of Napoleon as part of its scorched earth policy. This view was strongly denounced, and Tarlé admitted soon after that he had been mistaken: Napoleon, not Kutuzov, was the man responsible for the conflagration. Such minor misunderstandings apart, Tarlé became among Soviet historians what Ehrenburg was among Soviet writers, a frequent and sometimes brilliant writer on topical subjets, cleverly adapting himself to changing political exigencies, a man who in other times and under different circumstances might well have been a great historian.

Jerusalem, January 8.

Casablanca Police Try to Curb New Wave of Terror

CASABLANCA, Saturday. — Armed police patrolled the streets of the native quarter here tonight in a new effort to crack down on the mounting wave of terrorism and counter-terrorism in Morocco over the past week. In Paris, meanwhile the Franco-Tunisian talks on home rule appear to have reached a critical stage.

In Morocco, terrorists have murdered nine persons and wounded at least 23 in the past three days.

The police have been making sweeps through several quarters of this town since yesterday. Several persons were questioned, and the authorities reorganized the security services.

The Resident-General, M. Francis Lacoste, just back from Paris, has started a series of emergency conferences which may lead to the reorganization of the local police and the appointment of a new police chief.

In Paris, Franco-Tunisian negotiations for home rule in the North African Protectorate have reached a critical stage, and the Tunisian Ministers are expected to return to Tunis soon to report to the Bey.

The French Minister for Tunisia and Morocco, M. Christian Fouchet, held a long meeting today with the Minister of State without Portfolio in the Bey's Government, Mongi Salim, and other Tunisian Ministers.

Premier M. Pierre Mendes-France saw the Tunisian Nationalist leader, Habib Bourguiba before the Premier left for Italy yesterday.

Three Problems

Three main problems still stand in the way of agreement:

1) The future status of the police in Tunisia.
2) The Tunisian demand for diplomatic representations.
3) The Tunisian demand for a national army.

The French view is that defence must remain in the hands of France and therefore a national Tunisian army would be out of place.

With regard to the police, the Tunisians want control of all police subject to some machinery of liaison with the French Resident-General. The French consider that local police should be handed over in stages to the Tunisians, but security police and other main police organs must remain under the French Resident-General with liaison with the Tunisian Government.

The Tunisians want diplomatic agents of their own in certain French Embassies, particularly in the Middle East, with the relationship between the Tunisian representatives and the French Ambassadors remaining to be worked out.

The Minister of Interior, M. Francois Mitterand, has prepared a plan for giving more political power to Algerians in Algeria, and this, too, has raised the fears of the French residents there.

(UP, Reuter)

Locusts Chew Both Ends of Africa

CASABLANCA, Saturday (UP). —A sky-darkening cloud of locusts chewed their way through the heart of agricultural Morocco today in the worst onslaught of the plague here in 87 years.

The locusts ate their way through farm lands well north of Casablanca, more than 250 miles from the Cich Souss Valley which they first invaded two months ago. French authorities said that there was no effective way of stopping their ravages.

At the other end of Africa, locusts clouds descended on the South African Orange Free State, stripping the farms as they went. The sea winds carried them as far westward as the Canary Islands.

Several days ago, the locusts hit the modern city of Casablanca. They crunched under the feet of pedestrians.

SS DUMMIES OPPOSE REARMING GERMANY

ROME, Saturday (Reuter). — Life-size dummies wearing the black uniform of Hitler's SS troops and bearing the slogan "'No' to German Armament" appeared on Rome's streets today.

They were believed to have been put there by left-wing organizations.

B.G. Renews Talks On Electoral Reform

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Mr. David Ben Gurion's calls on possible companions for his projected "Pioneering Front" concluded today with a meeting with Progressive Party leaders. Mr. Ben Gurion met General Zionist representatives yesterday.

So far, only the meeting with the General Zionists has led to anything definite. Mr. Ben Gurion and the four General Zionist Ministers agreed to propose to their respective parties that they send representatives to a joint committee which would examine the possibilities of electoral reform.

The proposal for regional representation advocated by the former Prime Minister was flatly rejected by the Progressive delegation, which consisted of Mr. P. Rosen, the Minister of Justice, Mr. M. Kol, of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Mr. I. Harari, M.K.

Appeal Rejected

During last week, Mr. Ben Gurion met representatives of Ahdut Ha'Avodah, Mapam, Hapoel Hamizrahi and Poalei Agudat Yisrael, seeking their support for electoral reform and a joint electoral platform — a Zionist Pioneering Front — against the extreme left and Herut.

The appeal was flatly rejected by the Mapam (read "Hashomer Hatzair") leaders who made their stand public in "Al Hamishmar" yesterday. The general attitude of Mapam leaders is that they were not over-eager for power, preferring to stay in opposition until there is a chance of implementing their old plan of an all-Labour cabinet.

Mr. I. Tabenkin's report to the Ahdut Ha'Avodah Executive on Thursday was published in the Party's daily, "Lamerhav," yesterday. He also advocated a united Labour cabinet, but opposed the idea of another coalition less emphatically than did Mapam. Both Parties oppose regional constituency elections.

Stand Unclear

The stand of Hapoel Hamizrahi is unclear, but it is known that at least a third of the Party favours closer union with the Histadrut and particularly with Mapai. No clear resolution was taken by the Party's Executive which on Thursday heard a report from Mr. M. Shapiro, the Minister for Religious Affairs. The Agudat Yisrael representatives, who were received by Mr. Ben Gurion on Thursday, said that they were mainly concerned with guarantees for the Orthodox to preserve their way of life without hindrance.

But yesterday, the General Zionists rejected Mr. Ben Gurion's scheme for regional representation and preferred their own scheme which has been unfavourably received in Mapai circles.

Mr. Ben Gurion reported on his talks with Messrs. Tabenkin, Ya'ari, Hazan, Shapiro, Kahana and Mintz to the Mapai Elections Headquarters yesterday. Present at the meeting which was chaired by Mrs. Golda Myerson, the Minister of Labour, was Prime Minister Sharett. Also discussed were various questions connected with the Histadrut elections that are taking place before those to the Knesset.

The date for elections to the general Trade Union convention is expected to be fixed for the early summer by the Histadrut Central Committee tomorrow.

Final Decision on US Aid Still Pending

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — A final decision on the total amount of U.S. aid to Israel in the fiscal year of 1954/55 is expected to be made by the end of this month and to be communicated to Ambassador Abba Eban by the head of the Foreign Operations Administration, Mr. Harold Stassen, informed sources said.

The amount is expected to be around $40m., apart from $1,400,000 in Point Four aid. Some officials were reported to favour a few millions less, but it was expected that the full 40m. would be granted.

$30m. Received

Israel has so far been allocated $30,300,000 as the first two instalments for 1954/55. Of this sum, $15m. was in the form of surplus goods and food.

The present fiscal year also saw the first allocation — $40m. — to Egypt. The economic aid programme to Jordan launched in the final days of the past fiscal year is being continued with a $8m. grant.

Other totals for 1954/55, some of them final and some tentative, are:

IRAN — $127,300,000 for economic development, Point Four and the import of needed consumer goods from the United States, but $55m. of that sum is in the form of a loan from the Export-Import Bank.

TURKEY — $70m., including $25m. in economic aid and $45m. to help the Turkish defence programme.

PAKISTAN — $105,600,000, including $40m. for the import of needed commodities, $35m. in the form of U.S. surplus food, $20m. for economic development, $5,300,000 from Point Four, and $5,300,030 for flood relief.

INDIA — $75,900,000, including $60,500,000 for economic development and $15,400,000 Point Four.

$1.5m. FOA Grant To Buy Oil

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The Foreign Operations Administration yesterday authorized Israel to purchase $1,500,000 worth of crude oil and petroleum products from the U.S., Italy or Iran.

The allocation was in execution of the 1954-55 American economic aid programme for Israel.

Johnston's Visit To Be Final—Jordan

The forthcoming talks with Mr. Eric Johnston will be final, Khalussi Kheiry, Jordan Minister of Economy, stated in Amman yesterday. Mr. Johnston's new proposals were believed to be a compromise between the one originally put forward by the U.S. and the Arab and Israel counter-proposals, he added.

Mr. Johnston is President Eisenhower's special envoy to the Middle East and is leaving for the Middle East on January 23 in an attempt to get an agreement on a regional plan for development of the Jordan River basin.

It has been reported that Mr. Johnston plans to go to Israel first, but officials said that there has been no final decision as yet on the itinerary. It will be Mr. Johnston's third trip to the area on behalf of the Jordan River project. *(UP, NEABS)*

Shots Fired From Jordan at Trio

Several shots were fired from Jordan territory yesterday afternoon at two men and a woman who were walking near the railroad tracks in the vicinity of Kfar Manahat, southwest of Jerusalem.

None of the three was injured.

Members of a border patrol, who heard the shots, came to the aid of the three persons and accompanied them to their homes.

Stones were thrown from Jordan territory after midnight on Friday at a policeman standing guard at Mandelbaum Gate. He was not injured.

Jordan yesterday submitted four complaints to the Mixed Armistice Commission, according to ANA. All four deal with the incursion of Jordan by Israel planes. One plane is alleged to have flown low over Mount Scopus.

Elath Sees Nutting; Eban Fetes Byroade

The Israel Ambassador in London, Mr. Eliahu Elath, called on the Minister of State, Mr. Anthony Nutting, on Friday. Mr. Elath requested the meeting.

In Washington, on Friday, the Israel Ambassador, Mr. Abba Eban, gave a luncheon for Mr. Henry Byroade, former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, who has been nominated Ambassador to Egypt.

Among the guests were Mr. Byroade's successor, Mr. George Allen; the British Ambassador, Sir Roger Makins; the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. F. Erkin; the Indian Ambassador, Mr. B. Mehta; Senators Alexander Wiley and Herbert Lehman; Mr. Douglas MacArthur Jr. and Mr. D. Harnegan, of the State Department. *(Reuter, UP)*.

British Railmen Win Wage Increases

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).— Britain's railmen who called off a threatened strike on Thursday, yesterday won increased rates of pay for men in the lowest paid grades.

This was announced after a meeting between representatives of their union and members of the commission which operates the state-owned rail network.

After yesterday's meeting Mr. James Campbell, who led the union negotiators, said the union has agreed to recommend certain improvements in the basic rates.

Meanwhile, Transport Union leaders yesterday accepted increased wage rates costing employers about £2.7m. a year for 100,000 provincial busmen employed by private companies.

Arms Pool Plan Is Offered W. Europe By Mendes-France

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — France has submitted new proposals for a European armaments production pool to the Governments of Britain, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg, the Premier's Office announced yesterday.

The French memorandum is intended as a working document and basis of discussion for the seven-nation conference due to open in Paris on January 17.

The Production Agency is independent of and different from the Armaments Control Agency provided for in the Paris agreements for German rearmament. The Control Agency's function is to see that the six continental countries of the Western European Union do not exceed the armament ceilings agreed upon and that in the strategic area no atomic, bacteriological and chemical weapons are made.

The strategic area is West Germany plus certain strips of the Benelux countries.

The new French plan put up to the Governments yesterday proposes creation of a European Armaments Community in two stages:

1) A two-year transition during which two committees representing the seven nations would be established to deal with standardization of weapons and with production.
2) The second stage would start on January 1, 1957, with the setting up of an agency with a strong dose of supranationality approaching that of the existing six-nation coal and steel community.

An important new point in the plan is that its authority would extend to all the seven nations including Britain, whereas the powers of the agency for arms control are restricted to the Continent.

Informed sources predicted that the suggestion as put forward by France faced an almost certain American "no." In London, reliable sources said that Britain was inclined to back the U.S.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has already twice refused attempts by Premier Mendes-France to put binding strings to U.S. arms aid.

The French plan sought what was in effect a veto over the free distribution of American arms aid, it was said.

It clearly reflected a French wish to have a hand in controlling any military aid that the United States might choose to send to Germany.

UK: Vietminh Flouts Armistice Authority

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Britain has formally accused the Vietminh Government of "flouting" the authority of the international commission supervising the Indo-China armistice, the Foreign Office announced today.

In a note handed to the Soviet Government in Moscow yesterday, Britain charged that the Vietminh was attempting "to ignore the provisions of the agreement on the cessation of hostilities in Vietnam," the announcement added.

The British note replied to a Soviet request that Britain — as former "co-chairman" of the Geneva conference — should circulate to conference members Vietminh complaints against alleged breaches of the Geneva settlement.

Britain has refused to pass on these complaints to conference members. The Vietminh complaints charged breaches of the Geneva agreement by Vietnam, France and the United States.

Not All Facts Told In Ladejinsky Case—Benson

CHICAGO, Saturday (UP). — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said today that the public hasn't heard all the facts about the security background of Mr. Wolf Ladejinsky, and that unless new evidence came to light he would still fire him.

Mr. Ladejinsky was relieved of an Agricultural Department post in Japan, but then was hired by the Foreign Operations Administration for a more sensitive job as adviser to Vietnam.

Mr. Benson told a news conference here, "I personally am glad that the matter has been resolved, apparently to everyone's satisfaction." But, he said, there are some facts about Mr. Ladejinsky's security background that have not been placed before the public.

Mr. Benson did not discuss the hidden facts and indicated that they were classified, but said he "assumed" that they were also available to the F.O.A. He added that unless new evidence appeared, and, given the same set of facts that now exist, he would still approve Mr. Ladejinsky's dismissal.

SHINNAR ATTENDS HEUSS RECEPTION

BONN, Saturday (INA). — Dr. F. E. Shinnar, head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany, attended an official reception yesterday at the residence of the President of the Federal Republic, Professor I. Heuss, when the heads of diplomatic missions conveyed their good wishes on the occasion of the New Year.

Earlier last week, Dr. Shinnar called on the Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, to congratulate him on his 79th birthday.

Israel Memo to Turkey Recalls 1950 Declaration

Fischer Returning for Talks

ANKARA, Saturday. — The Israel Minister, Mr. Maurice Fischer, handed a memorandum to the Minister of State, Mr. Fatin Rustu Zorlu, today which reminded Turkey of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950 on the maintenance of Israel's borders.

The American and British Ambassadors also visited Mr. Zorlu this morning. This preceded Mr. Fischer's call.

After the talks with the three envoys, Mr. Zorlu flew to Baghdad to see his Prime Minister, Mr. Advan Menderes, who is at present in Iraq. According to political circles, the Israel memorandum was transmitted in view of persistent reports concerning the impending signature of a Turco-Iraqi Pact.

(Mr. Fischer's visit to the Turkish Foreign Ministry had no connection with the conversations of the envoys of the Western powers, *The Jerusalem Post* learns from informed sources. Nor was it connected with any pending agreement between Turkey and Iraq, these sources said.

(Mr. Fischer, will be returning to Israel shortly for consultations with the Foreign Ministry, an official spokesman stated last night in Jerusalem.)

The Iraqi Ambassador here, Dr. Ihsan Akef, stated today that the visit of the Turkish mission would open a new chapter in the relations between the two countries.

Yesterday, the Turkish mission visited Kerbela and Najaf, the Holy Places of the Shia sect in Southern Iraq.

Premier Menderes has invited King Faisal and the heir presumptive, the Emir Abdul Illah, to visit Turkey.

He also extended an invitation to a delegation of Iraqi doctors and educators.

In Beirut, the Lebanese Premier, Sami e-Solh, announced that the final attitude of the Arab states towards treaties with the West would be decided at a meeting of Arab Foreign Ministers, after the conclusion of the present visit of the Turkish goodwill mission to Arab capitals, NEABS reported. A majority of Lebanese M.P.'s favoured an alliance with the West, he added.

According to the Old City daily, "A-Diffa," thousands of secondary school students in Homs, Syria, demonstrated on Friday in protest against the possibility of Iraq accepting foreign arms.

According to NEABS, a Syrian official spokesman denied a report in "Izvestia," organ of the Soviet Government, stating that Syria has decided to join the Turco-Pakistan pact and accept Western aid.

Sir Michael Wright, at present British Ambassador to Norway, has been appointed Ambassador to Iraq, according to the Cairo daily, "Al Ahram." Sir Michael is a former head of the African and Eastern Department of the Foreign Office.

Radio Baghdad reported tonight that talks have been opened beween the Turkish and Iraqi statesmen on the possibility of establishing an Iraqi-Turkish economic council in accordance with the provisions of the protocol annexed to the 1946 Turkish-Iraqi Friendship Pact.

(UP, Reuter)

Tanker Explodes Off Suez in Collision

LONDON, Saturday. (Reuter).— The 17,722-ton Honduran tanker Olympice Thunder exploded in flames today after she was in collision with the 21,200-ton Liberian tanker Olympic Honour off Suez, Lloyds shipping intelligence reported.

Both ships belong to companies in which Mr. Aristoteles Onassis, the Greek-born, Argentina shipping magnate holds an interest.

The fire aboard the Olympic Thunder was later extinguished, but both ships were extensively damaged. There were no casualties.

In France, the 928-ton British freighter, Lanarkbrook, which had been aground on a mudbank in the Seine Estuary since Thursday night, capsized at high tide today and was completely submerged. The captain and crew were saved.

Makarios to Confer With Cyprus Governor

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). — Archbishop Makarios, head of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus, is to have face-to-face talks with the British Governor, Sir Robert Armitage, a spokesman of the Cyprus Ethnarchy Council announced here yesterday. This will be the first meeting between an Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus and the Governor of the Island since the big Enosis riots in 1931.

A spokesman of the Ethnarchy Council said the only subject which could be discussed at the meeting would be the question of self-determination.

Reports Confirmed, Denied

He confirmed reports that informal talks on arranging the meeting had been going on between the British Embassy in Athens and a representative of the Ethnarchy, but stressed that the policy of the Council was unchanged.

(In London, a Foreign Office spokesman denied that the Governor was willing to discuss the question of self-determination. He said the only matters which would be discussed would be local relationships.)

Archbishop Makarios was received by King Paul I of the Hellenes yesterday and also saw the Premier Marshal Alexander Papagos, who assured him that Greece would again bring the Cyprus issue before the U.N.

Balkan Foreign Ministers Call for Conference

BELGRADE, Saturday (Reuter). — Yugoslavia and Greece have proposed a meeting of the Balkan Alliance Foreign Ministers to be held in Ankara during the last two weeks of February, it was officially announced. Turkey, the other member of the Alliance, is expected to agree to the suggestion.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the Greek parliament is to ratify the Alliance this month. It is also understood that Turkey will do likewise before the proposed meeting. Yugoslavia has already ratified the treaty which was signed last August.

The Yugoslav President, Marshal Tito, started a tour of Northern Burma today. The President has declined an invitation to visit Thailand during his tour. He also rejected an invitation to stop in Cairo on his return journey.

Brooklyn Teacher Held In Remon Murder

PANAMA CITY, Saturday (UP) — Detectives from the U.S., Cuba and Venezuela have arrived in Panama to help the local authorities track down the assassins of President Jose Remon.

Mr. Martin Irving Lipstein, a Brooklyn-born Los Angeles teacher, remained in an undisclosed jail today, while police continued to check his alibi. Mr. Lipstein, who arrived in Panama a few hours before the shooting, told the police that he was sightseeing in the Canal Zone at the time of the killing.

USSR Closes Mission In Baghdad

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — The Soviet Government has decided to recall its diplomatic mission from Iraq, Moscow Radio has reported. Today's Russian reprisal was contained in a note handed to the Iraqi Foreign Ministry.

"In view of the unfriendly attitude towards the USSR of the Iraqi Government, as shown in the statement on the breaking-off of relations with the USSR, the Soviet Government has adopted the decision to recall its diplomatic mission from Iraq," the Note said.

"The Soviet Government deems it necessary to state that the responsibility for these aforementioned acts is fully borne by the Government of Iraq."

The Soviet Foreign Ministry said in a statement broadcast by Moscow Radio yesterday that Iraq's action in closing down the Iraqi Mission in Moscow showed "an unfriendly attitude which increases international tension."

"Such actions of the Government of Nuri Said are in line with its foreign policy of dragging Iraq and other Arab states into aggressive factions in the Near and Middle East which are being constructed by the U.S. and Britain," the statement continued.

Imperialism Blamed

"This shows once again to what extent the present Iraqi Government is dependent upon imperialist circles of certain powers."

The Soviet statement referred to the Iraqi Foreign Minister's declaration to the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Baghdad on November 6 that on grounds of economy it had decided to close its mission in Moscow. That action, the Minister had said, was taken in accordance with the foreign policy of the present Iraqi Government "which is waging an open fight against Communists in its country."

"The continued presence in Moscow of the Iraqi Mission," the Iraqi Minister said, "would have been in contradiction to this policy and might cause certain inconveniences and difficulties."

The Soviet statement continued:

"On January 3 the General Director of the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs handed the Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Iraq a note in which it was stated that in connection with the closing of the Iraqi Mission in Moscow it had been decided to cease diplomatic representation between the two countries.

"At the same time, he stated that the ending of representation did not signify a breach of diplomatic relations between Iraq and the U.S.S.R."

IRAQ CANCELS LOAN FROM WORLD BANK

WASHINGTON, Saturday (UP). — The International Bank announced today that its obligation to lend Iraq a further $6.5m. has been cancelled at Iraq's request.

The money had represented the unused balance of a 15-year loan granted by the Bank to Iraq in 1950 for irrigation programmes. The Iraqi Government said that, following the new agreement with the Iraq Petroleum Company, it now had the necessary funds at its own disposal.

RUSSIANS RELEASE 2 U.S. PRISONERS

BERLIN, Saturday (UP). — The Soviet authorities today released two Americans held in Russian captivity for a total of 15 years.

They are Mr. John N. Noble, 31, of Detroit, and Pvt. William T. Marchuk, 23, of Breckenridge, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Noble was arrested in July 1945, in Dresden, together with his German-born father, when they refused to take down an American flag flying over their home. Pvt. Marchuk was arrested by the Soviet authorities in Berlin 1949.

The Soviet action came in reply to at least five State Department attempts to obtain the release of the two men. The Americans also demanded the release of Pvt. William A. Verdine, who was arrested in 1948. He was not released.

Secrecy Clouds Talks in Peking

HONG KONG, Saturday (Reuter). — The U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, had another meeting today with the Chinese Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai. It lasted for over five hours, the New China News Agency reported.

The agency said that the two would meet again on Monday. Today's meeting was the third, and so far no hint of their progress has emerged from Peking Radio, Communist newspapers or U.N. officials accompanying Mr. Hammarskjold.

Only the fact that they are discussing the fate of U.S. airmen imprisoned by China on charges of espionage is known.

Mr. Hammarskjold was accompanied at today's conference by his Executive Assistant, Mr. Per Lind, U.N. Under-Secretary, Ahmed S. Bokhari and Professor Humphrey Waldock, a British expert on International Law.

Observers in New York believe that a climax must have been reached today in a talk between Mr. Hammarskjold and Mr. Chou.

They considered that this was indicated by the fact that this third talk—which took five hours—was by far the longest in the series. The conferences have now lasted over 11 hours in all.

U.N. officials expect that the Monday meeting will be the last. It had originally been expected that Mr. Hammarskjold might leave Peking this week-end. But the Monday meeting according to U.N. officials fits in completely with the timetable which the Secretary-General had outlined before he left New York.

BUYING WAVE ON N.Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter).—A strong buying wave gave fresh confidence to New York's stock exchange yesterday. Only occasional selling to take profits stood in the path of an almost continuous climb in prices during the day.

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Social & Personal

Mr. John Eden, Conservative M.P., on Friday visited the Yuval Gad pipe plant and the antiquities and the Afridar housing project in Ashkelon. He was shown round Beersheba by the Town Clerk, Mr. Z. Berman, and also saw the Beersheba Museum.

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Mr. M. Gunsbourg, a trustee of the Humanitarian Trust in England, visited the Hebrew University on Friday and was received by the President, Professor B. Mazar. Other recent visitors to the University included Dr. Amram Blum, Chief Rabbi of Argentina, and a group of 30 community leaders from Argentina and Uruguay.

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ARRIVALS: M. S. Divon, Arab Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister's Office, after a brief visit to Europe on official business (by El Al).

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DEPARTURES: Aluf-Mishne Shimon Sirkin, Military Attache to the Israel Embassy in Paris, returning to his post after talks connected with the termination of his appointment in March.

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OBITUARY

Mr. Samuel Jeselsohn

The death of Mr. Samuel Jeselsohn, at the age of 84, occurred in Tel Aviv on Friday, January 7, 1955, deeply mourned by his sons Albert Jeselsohn, Haifa, Dr. S. Jeselsohn, Tel Aviv, Ludwig Jeselson, New York, and families. The funeral will take place from 83 Rehov Gordon, Tel Aviv, at 11.45 a.m. today.

Funeral of Mrs. Adler

All work stopped in the offices and press of *The Jerusalem Post* during the funeral at midday on Friday of Esther Adler, wife of the Manager.

The funeral *cortege* of a few hundred included the staff of this paper; a large number of mourners from the Jewish Agency offices, headed by Mr. Z. Shazar, Acting Chairman, and Mr. S. Eisenberg, the General Secretary; Dr. Leo Kohn, of the Foreign Ministry (whose secretary Mrs. Adler was for many years at the Jewish Agency); Mr. E. Gelber, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada; Dr. K. J. Mann, head of the Hadassah Medical Organization, and friends of the family.

The burial took place at Har Hamenuhot. Cantor Israel Bar Zakai officiated.

'WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAG BEHIND THEORY'

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday.—"I am pleased to say that women hold a good position in Israel, having won equal political status; but to a certain extent, practice lags behind principle due to the special influence of religious jurisdiction," Mrs. Lorena Hahn, the U.S. delegate to the U.N. Commission on Women's Rights, declared yesterday after a six-day visit as the guest of Israel Women's Organizations.

She described the work of the U.N. Commission, which investigates discrimination against women and attempts to improve their lot by advising governments.

Mrs. Hahn said that she was anxious to return here for further investigation of women's problems.

Israel Railwaymen To Visit U.S.

WASHINGTON, Saturday (USIS).—Representatives of Israel will be among 200 railroad officials from nine countries who are to visit the U.S. this year, to study the operation and management of U.S. railroads, the Foreign Operations Administration has announced.

The programme seeks to help friendly countries to advance the efficiency of their railroad transportation system. To date some 250 railway officials from 70 countries have participated in the scheme.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS, Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 5 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 9.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 Housewives' Corner. 12.50 Requests (R). 1.30 Messages to Immigrants. 1.50 Songs of the People (R). Service from the Baptist Church, Jerusalem.

4.00 Music for Sunday (R). 4.40 Intermezzo at the Piano. 5.00 Talmud Lesson. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra; Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger. Soloist: Jan Pomerans: Piano Concerto K. 491 (Mozart). 7.35 Talk. 8.45 What's New in Science. 9.00 Wells of Work. 9.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Conductor: Sergiu Celibidache: Suite Francaise (Milhaud); Classical Symphony (Prokofiev). 9.30 Round Table Discussion. 10.00 Vocal Recital: Mordechai Ben Shahar. 10.30 [illegible] (R). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

[illegible], 216, 467, 49.9 & 25.5 M.

English News: 1.35 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA, (31.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Personal Column. 11.30 Newsreel. 11.45 A medley of Jewish Tunes 12.00 Talmud Lesson.

ARMY PROGRAMME: (44.6, 216, [illegible] & 269 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Songs. 7.00 Galei Zahal Programme: Light Music. 7.30 [illegible]. 7.45 Requests. 8.30 News. 8.45 Light Music. 9.15 Dance Music. [illegible] Close Down.

B.B.C. NEWS & BROADCASTS:

LAW REPORT

The Jerusalem Post January 9, 1955

In the Supreme Court Sitting as Court of Civil Appeal

Before Justices Agranat, Sussman and Landau.

Miriam, Malcha and Yona Bursky, and Albert Pasternak, Appellants, v. Moshe and Zwi Segal and others, Respondents, (C.A. 187/51).

Effect of Dilatoriness on Specific Performance

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on August 26, 1951 (C.C. 15/45).

Shlomo Bursky, the father of the first three appellants, sold a plot of land at the corner of Pinsker and Dvora Hanevia Streets, Tel Aviv, to the respondents in 1923. Immediately after the conclusion of the transaction, the Segals took possession of the land with the consent of Bursky, erected a shed on it, carried on their business of manufacturing building materials on the plot and generally behaved in the way of owners. The deceased or his heirs did not on any occasion demand rent from the respondents or threaten them with eviction.

After the death of Shlomo Bursky in 1925, the plot, which had not yet been transferred to the respondents in the Land Registry Office, was registered in the names of the heirs — the deceased's widow, three daughters and son. Part of the plot — that belonging to the widow and Miriam Bursky (that is 7/16th)—was transferred to the respondents in the Tabu. The remaining 9/16ths of the plot remained registered in the name of the two remaining daughters and the son, who subsequently died, his eldest sister, Miriam, who inherited part of his share of the plot, representing him in the present case.

The Segals applied in 1945 to the District Court, Tel Aviv, for an order directing specific performance of the contract of sale with the concomitant transfer in the Tabu of the rest of the plot. Judge Zeltner acceded to this request ordering the remaining 9/16ths of the plot to be registered in the name of the Segals, and the mortgage which had been registered in the name of Albert Pasternak (the husband of Malcha Bursky) to be cancelled.

The Bursky sisters and Pasternak appealed against this decision. Mr. Menashe appeared for the Bursky sisters, Mr. Yechiel for Pasternak, Mr. Hochman and Mr. Rosenfeld for the respondents.

Judgment

In delivering the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justice Landau dismissed the two preliminary arguments of Advocate Menashe, holding that the District Court had been justified in deciding that the disputed land was identical with that registered in the names of the appellants, and also that the contract of sale was not illegal. He then turned to the main question at issue, viz. that the respondents were barred from claiming according to the laws of limitation or, alternatively, that they had been dilatory in the prosecution of their equitable claim and were therefore barred from the equitable remedy of specific performance, as claimed by Advocate Menashe.

After an analysis of section 1660 of the Mejelle, which bars actions relating to certain transactions after the lapse of 15 years, and of English precedents and authorities in order to discover to what extent actions for specific performance are subject to the laws of limitation, Justice Landau concluded that neither according to the Mejelle nor to the principles of equity were the laws of limitation applicable to the remedy of specific performance.

The next question to be dealt with therefore was whether the respondents had been guilty of "laches" (dilatoriness in prosecuting their claim) and had thus forfeited their rights to an equitable remedy.

Criteria of "Laches"

Justice Landau first summarized as follows: according to the laws of equity, laches does not bar a claim, except when it could be regarded as equivalent to complete neglect of the right to claim, or when it deteriorates the position of the opposite party; in connection with specific performance there was an additional rule, based on a long succession of precedents, according to which laches would not bar an action for specific performance if the buyer had already taken possession of the property vested in him by the contract and had only to deck his rights in the vestment of legal formality by having the property formally transferred to his name.

On dealing with the appellants' claim that their ability to produce proof had been adversely affected by the passage of time, Justice Landau held that in view of the circumstances he saw no grounds for this argument. On the other hand, he felt that the fact that the respondents had occupied the land for 22 years and had used it and invested money in it without any protest from the appellants, and the additional fact that negotiations for a peaceable settlement of the dispute had been carried on since approximately 1939, lessened, if it did not altogether cancel out, the effect of the respondents' dilatoriness in filing their claim. Taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case Justice Landau held that justice demanded that the respondents be not deprived of their rights to the property acquired under their contract with Shlomo Bursky.

In connection with Judge Zeltner's order that the mortgage on the plot should be cancelled since it was fictitious only and registered with the intention of frustrating the respondents' claim, Justice Landau dealt with the question of the burden of proof where a party pleads that he acquired rival rights in good faith and for value and relied on a majority decision (in C.A. 62/50, P.D. 7/746) that the onus was on the pleader. This being the case, since the fourth appellant had not succeeded in proving that he had acquired a mortgage on the disputed land in good faith and for value, therefore the problem of duplicate rights must be solved in favour of the respondents.

Appeal dismissed with costs. Judgment given on January 6, 1955.

'Quakes Recorded In Asia, Europe

SYDNEY, Saturday, (Reuter).—Violent earth tremors shook various parts of the world over the past two days. In the Anglo-French New Hebrides Islands, in the South-West Pacific, severe damage was caused to dwellings but there were no casualties.

In Nepal, panic-stricken inhabitants of Katmandu rushed from their homes, when earth tremors shook the remote mountain capital.

In Europe, earthquake tremors were felt in the French town of St. Pierre Dorleron, but there was no damage.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Exhibitions:**—

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition. 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.), 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

Sculptures by Benno Schotz. Also "The Satirical, Fantastic and Tragic in Graphic Art, from Goya to Picasso" and African Folk Art. Exhibit of the Month: Max Liebermann: Prof. Hermann Cohen. 9-1, 3-5. Bezalel Museum. Paintings by Had Gadya and Yehudit Sobel; Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ **Tours:**—

Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Shows:**—

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ **Lectures:**—

Mr. A. Dobkin on "South African Jewry and the Racial Problem." Beeri Club, 8 p.m. Members and their guests are invited.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:**—

1) Jacob Wechsler, recent oil paintings, 1954. 2) Drawings by Masters of the Italian Renaissance (reproductions). Open daily 10-4; Fridays, Saturdays 10-1; Sundays 4-10 p.m. — Tel Aviv Museum

★ **Theatre:**—

Habimah "The Caine Mutiny" Habimah, 8 p.m. (sold out)

"Casablan," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 4 and 8 p.m.

★ **Recorded Concert:**—

Fifth in the series "World Conductors." Commentary by Menashe Ravina. Mahler's 4th Symphony, conducted by Bruno Walter. Z.O.A. House, 8.30 p.m.

KIRYAT HAIM

★ **Theatre:**—

Do-Re-Mi "Rose from Istanbul."

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★ **Theatre:** —

"Hedva and I" Habimah, 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ **Circus:** —

Circus Revue, 4.30 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

TEL AVIV

★ **Music Concert:**— [illegible] January 10 at the Z.O.A. House at 8.30 p.m. arranged by [illegible] of the Z.O.A. House.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM

At 4.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARMON: Stars of the Russian Ballet.

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Moslem Youth Parley Asks Boycott of France

KARACHI, Saturday (Reuter).—The International Assembly of Moslem Youth in Karachi yesterday called for an economic boycott of France to force her "to change her outmoded colonical policy in North Africa."

The conference, which is being attended by 150 delegates from 22 countries, asked all Moslem countries to "pool all their resources to defend the cause of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria." It condemned French policy in the three territories as "inhuman, unjust and unjustifiable."

The seven-day conference was intended as a platform for Moslem youth to discuss ways of improving health education and moral standards.

Winding up yesterday, it denounced in a resolution the "persistent policy of colonialists, imperialists and Communists in subjugating Moslems."

The resolution adopted unanimously in the final plenary session added, "Moslem youth protests against this policy and declares that friendly relations between Moslems and these countries can never flourish in such an atmosphere. The International Assembly of Moslem Youth feels that Imperialism and Communism is the greatest curse of our age and must die unsung and unwept."

The meeting, sponsored by the Indonesian Moslem Youth Movement and the All-Pakistan Youth Association, decided to set up a permanent secretariat at Karachi to promote "Islamic renaissance and Moslem solidarity."

JEWS HONOUR PRIME MINISTER OF DENMARK

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA).—Mr. Hans Hedetoft, Prime Minister of Denmark, has been honoured by the Danish Jewish community for his "gallant fight" to rescue Jews from the Nazis in 1943, the American Jewish Committee has announced here on the basis of a cable received from Copenhagen.

The Prime Minister was given the honorary title of "Ben Adam" at a ceremony in the Danish capital.

Recall of Medical Students Considered

More than half of the 200 Israelis studying medicine abroad receive foreign currency allotments from the Government, the sub-committee studying the possibility of having such students return to Israel has learned.

Composed of representatives of the Government and the Medical Association, the sub-committee is headed by Dr. Haim Sheba, former Director General of the Ministry of Health.

Among the suggestions it is considering are that the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School absorb these students in its clinical courses, and that they be assisted in finding housing here.

Prisoner's Medical Examination Delayed

Jerusalem Magistrate M. Even-Tov has instructed that the Minister of Health's attention be called to a court order calling for a mental examination of a 27-year-old man accused of disorderly conduct in a Jerusalem mental health station of the Ministry.

As the accused was dangerous, the Magistrate had originally ordered his detention for 15 days so that a medical examination could be made. At the conclusion of the detention period on Friday, the police prosecutor, Samal Y. Elhanan, notified the Magistrate that the examination had not been carried out because of lack of hospital space. On Friday, Mr. Even-Tov ordered the remand to be extended for another two weeks in a suitable Government hospital so that the examination could be made. (Itim)

THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY of the founding of Herzlia was commemorated on Thursday by a special session of the Local Council, attended by representatives of local organizations. The main celebrations will be held on Independence Day.

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Referee Stops Play When Order Ignored

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Play was stopped 25 minutes before time by referee Dudkevitz in the Yosef Shapiro Memorial Cup competition match between Tel Aviv Betar and Tel Aviv Maccabi at the Hapoel ground in Jaffa today when Yehoshua Glaser, Maccabi star, refused to obey orders to leave the field. Yitzhak Gambash, of Betar, who was ordered off at the same time, left without protest.

Betar had a surprising 2:1 lead when the game was stopped. Hulie and Barsion netted for it, while Reznik replied for Maccabi.

Tel Aviv Hapoel won its fifth successive match, though it had a hard struggle to beat Jaffa Maccabi, still pointless after five games in the competition, by 2:1.

In this tournament, each team plays six games. Tel Aviv Maccabi is now in second place with six points from four games, while Tel Aviv Betar has two points from four games.

Second Division results:

Nahariya Hapoel 3 Balfouria Hapoel 1; Natanya Hapoel 1 Hadera Maccabi 0; Jerusalem Y.M.C.A. 2 Mahane Yehuda Hapoel 2; Kiryat Haim Hapoel 8 Haifa Hacoah 0; Bet Lid Hapoel 1 Athlit Sports Club 1.

Phoenicia Cup — Phoenicia Team 4, P.W.D. 0, F & C 1, Post Office 0.

Kerner Cup — Hapoel Hakovesh Haifa Youth 3, Hapoel Yossi Kfar Saba Youth 0.

Dannenberg Cup — Hapoel Yehuda Haifa 1, Hakoah Haifa 0.

Volleyball League — Solel Boneh 3, P.E.C. 1.

Basketball League — Haifa Banks 57, Haifa Zebed 45. Phoenicia 53 Haifa Municipality 14. P.E.C. 39, Solel Boneh 26.

Friendly Games — Petah Tikva Maccabi 2, Petah Tikva Hapoel 1. Haifa Hapoel 8, Kfar Saba Hapoel 1, Haifa Betar 2, Acre Hapoel 1. Haifa Hapoel 3, Kfar Saba Hapoel 0, Haifa Hakoah Seniors 1, "2020" Taxi Service 1.

Handball League — Hebrew University 18, Tel Aviv Maccabi 5. Rehovot Maccabi 11, Hatsafon Maccabi 4. Tel Aviv Hapoel 6, Rishon-le-Zion 6. Haifa Maccabi 9, Technion 4. Rehovot Hapoel 12, Petah Tikva Maccabi 2.

"President Cup" football competition between Maccabi teams. — Natanya 7, Jerusalem 0. Haifa 2, Zichron Ya'acov 2. Rehovot 2, Ramat Gan 2.

A national record for the 2,000 metres was set up by Yosef Salame of Haifa Maccabi today. His time of five minutes 58 seconds and that of six minutes four seconds by Lulu Hadat of the Tel Aviv police, were both better than the previous record held by Vandal Sadek of Gan Shmuel Hapoel.

Fruchtmann Brilliant For Jerusalem Hapoel

A revived Jerusalem Hapoel trounced Jaffa Betar yesterday by 6:2, after leading 2-1 at half-time, on the Y.M.C.A. pitch.

The highlight of the Hapoel forward line was the exceptional performance of Sammy Fruchtmann, who scored a hat trick, and had a hand in two other goals. This player gave an exhibition of top soccer play, using both foot and head (in both senses), which might well be the envy of First league teams.

The Betar forwards presented no problems to the Hapoel defence, and their side was lucky not to lose by a higher margin.

FRANCE OVERWHELMS SCOTLAND AT RUGGER

PARIS, Saturday (Reuter). — France beat Scotland 15 points to none in a Rugby Union international here today.

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Brazil Cadets Riot Against Stiff Exams

RIO DE JANEIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — Brazilian troops with armoured cars last night kept a tight cordon round the elite Agulhas Negras (Black Needles) military academy, where 500 cadets rioted against stiffer examinations.

The riot took place late last night at the academy, which is situated at Resende, half-way along the main road from Rio to Sao Paulo. Reports filtering out from the academy said that the cadets stormed the administrative block and threw tables, chairs and papers out of the windows.

An official statement said only, "The cadets displayed certain nervousness."

Armoured vehicles and infantry were rushed to the academy in the early hours of the morning and all other troops in the Rio area were alerted.

The War Minister, General Teixeira Lott, flew to Resende but returned to the capital in midmorning after making a statement that the situation had turned to normal.

The military authorities enforced stringent measures. All cadets were confined to barracks.

Some political sources in Rio asserted last night that higher pass marks were required by the new Brazilian Government in an effort to weed out proteges of the late President Vargas.

Berlin Shop Restored To 'Jews' Servant'

BERLIN, Saturday (Reuter).—A man whom the Nazis deprived of his pharmacy here in 1937, because he was a "Jews' servant," has had the shop returned to him.

The Allied Supreme Restitution Court here decided that the man who then bought the shop, Mr. Gerhard Salchow, must return it to the original owner, Mr. Edwin Kantelberg.

Mr. Kantelberg, classed by the Nazis as "Aryan," bought the shop in 1936 from the "Aryan" widow of a Jew. They married, but because Mr. Kantelberg had worked for several years in a Jewish institute and his wife had been married to a Jew both were classed as "Jews' servants" and unfit to own the shop.

SMYSLOV AND KERES LEAD IN HASTINGS

HASTINGS, Saturday (UP). — Two Soviet Grand Masters, Vassily Smyslov and Paul Keres, tied for first place in the International Chess Congress premier tournament today with seven points each.

In the final stage of the tournament here today, results of round nine in the premier tournament were: — Fuchman beat Donner in 38 moves after 5½ hours of play. Szabo beat Golorer in 41 moves after four hours play.

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Religious Services

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St. Paul's Church (Musrara Qr.): E.S. 7 p.m. H.C., 8 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon H.R.B. Jones.

St. Andrew's Church (Scots Memorial) M. S. 10 a.m. Vesper service united with Y.M.C.A. at 6.30 p.m.

Combined Evangelical Services (Y.M.C.A. Lecture Hall): 7.30 p.m. All Welcome.

Catholic: 6 a.m. German Hospice Chapel Languages: German, Italian, English, French, 7 a.m. Terra Sancta Chapel, Languages: English, French, German, Italian: St. Pierre de Sion (Ratisbonne). Languages: French, Arabic, English, German, Hungarian, Hebrew, Portuguese: 6 a.m. Jesuits Chapel (near King David Hotel) Languages: French, Polish, English, Italian, German: 9 a.m. Pierre de Sion 10 a.m. Terra Sancta College.

Notre Dame de France (St. Paul's St.): M.S. 8 a.m. Languages: French, English, German, Italian.

American Gospel Church (Prophets St. near Bikur Holim): Morning Worship, 11 a.m., Mid-week Prayers: Wednesday at 7.30 p.m. Minister M.G. Griebenow.

Y.M.C.A. Christian Fellowship Vesper Service, 6 p.m. All welcome.

Brethren (Y.M.C.A. Room 110) Breaking of Bread, 10.30 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (St. Julian's Way): E.S. 7.30 p.m.

Jerusalem Baptist Congregation (Opp Gan Rehavia) Wednesday: Bible reading & Prayer, 8 p.m. Friday: E.S. 6 p.m. Saturday: Bible Study 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV & JAFFA

Anglican Church (Episcopal) in the Church of the former German Colony (on 19 Eilat St.): H.C. 7 a.m. M.S. 10 a.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Preacher: Rev. R.G. Allison, P.O.B. 2773, Tel Aviv.

Church of Scotland (St. Peter's) Jaffa M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Church (Catholic), Jaffa Port: 7 a.m. Weekdays 6 p.m. Languages: French, Italian, Spanish.

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St. Luke's Church: Mountain St., near Vine St. (Anglican Protestant Episcopal): H.C. 7.30 a.m.: M.S. 10 a.m. E.S. 6.30 (P.O.B. 1791.

Scandinavian Seamen's Church Meir St. 41 (P.O.B. 1305, Rev. Risto Santala) Evang. Luth. Ser. German Tuesday: Bible Study, 8 p.m.

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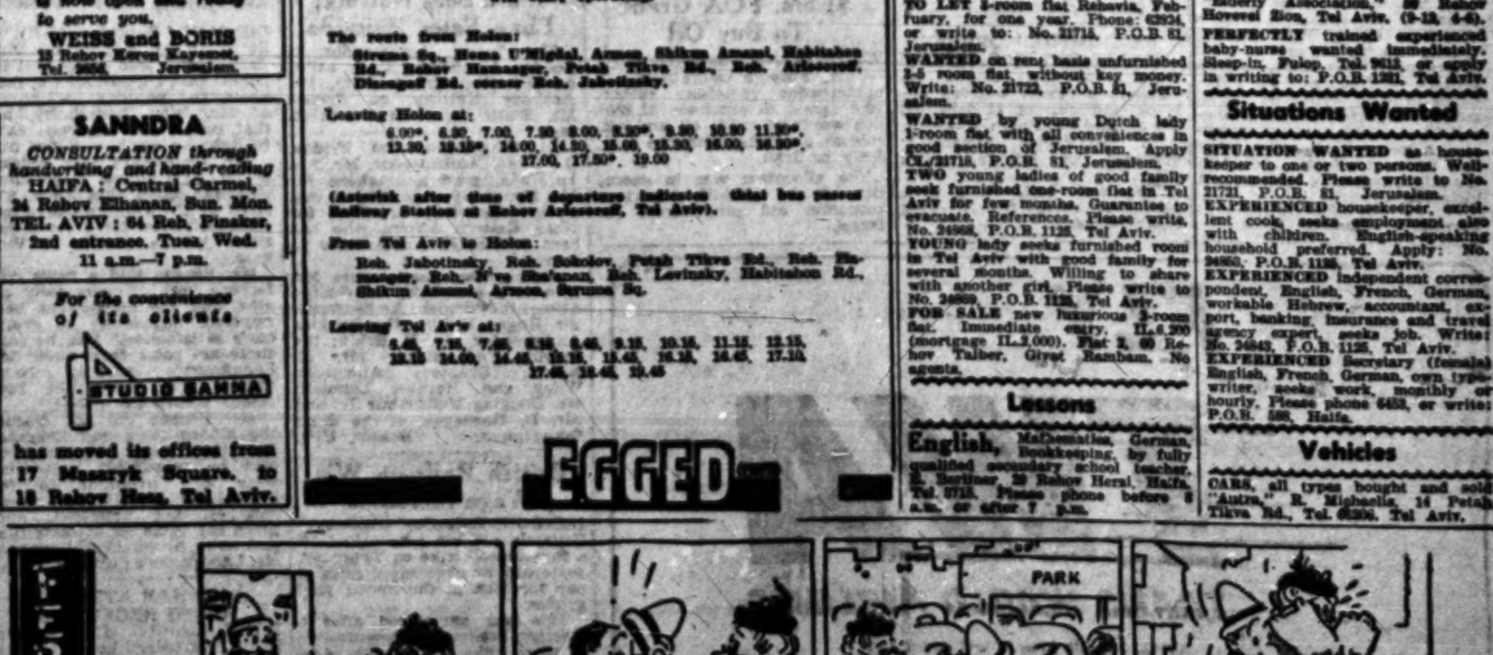

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Eilat	21	6	21	25
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*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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AN ARAB BOY, Jannem Kadder Sarouj, 17, of Acre, was returned by the Lebanese authorities on Thursday. He had been jailed for a year for infiltrating into the Lebanon, and he is to stand trial here for leaving the country illegally.

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ABOUT 50 unemployed labourers in Kfar Saba demonstrated on Friday outside the local Labour Council Offices. The citrus picking, which usually provides a major source of employment, has been delayed by the heavy rains.

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THREE BLACK American bears and two beavers were received on Friday by the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo from the Toronto (Canada) Zoo. The animals were flown by El Al from New York in special cages containing a supply of raisin bread. Transport expenses were donated by Mr. Harry Cohen of Edmonton, Canada.

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THE BUS line between Holon and Tel Aviv North, which has been the subject of negotiations for three years, will begin operating at six o'clock this morning. Buses will leave Holon every half hour, passing the Rehov Arlosoroff railway station.

Civic Group Wants 'Payis' Monies Paid

Efforts to ensure that Jerusalem's share of Mif'al Hapayis funds be paid over to the city are being made by Hovevei Yerushalayim, the volunteer organization which aims at improving conditions and services in the Capital. The organization has asked Mayor Y. Kariv to use these funds for improving sanitary and safety conditions in schools.

Members have been asked to report overflowing cesspits, standing water, faulty drainage and ill-placed bus stops. These complaints will be forwarded to a liaison officer in the Municipal Department concerned. The organization has forwarded to several Ministries photographs showing unhygienic conditions in Jerusalem's schools.

With a view to beautifying the Capital, a ladies' group has been formed under the auspices of Hovevei Yerushalayim, to visit houses and suggest ways of improving the appearance of courtyards and gardens. Arrangements have been made with the Municipality to deliver soil and plants to private homes at cost price.

Another project, organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture is aimed at instilling a sense of civic pride among children of school age. A competition will be held in which they will be given a number of coloured illustrations and asked to note what is wrong with them.

The organization's office is in Room 127, Sansour Building, Rehov Ben Yehuda.

Settlements Lack Credit, Kibbutz Hameuhad Told

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — About 150 delegates, representing 23,000 persons in 53 *kibbutzim*, were present last night at the opening session at Daphne of the Kibbutz Hameuhad Council.

The financial situation of the member *kibbutzim* was reviewed by the secretary, Mr. Binyamin Gal, who stressed the problem caused by the lack of credit.

This morning, the Council discussed the agenda of the Kibbutz Hameuhad conference to open next month at Givat Brenner. The elimination of hired labour in industrial enterprises operated by the *kibbutzim* was discussed at the afternoon session.

A memorial service for Feivush Bendori, who died last week, was held at the opening session.

A celebration in honour of the Second Aliya will take place this evening, and the meeting is to end tomorrow.

Britain Should Invite Israel To Join Colombo Plan—Crossman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

It would be a good thing if Britain invited Israel to join the Colombo Plan, Mr. Richard Crossman, M.P., stated at a press conference in Jerusalem on Friday. This would be one form of relationship between Israel and Britain which would not embarrass either party, and would signify to the world Britain's confidence that "Israel had come to stay." Mr. Crossman thought that this would be more practical than for Israel to join N.A.T.O. or attempt to become a member of the British Commonwealth, as some people had suggested.

Mr. Crossman said that he had been much impressed with Israel's economic consolidation resulting from the Government's New Economic Policy, and with the great progress made in liquidating ma'barot and integrating immigrants, since his last visit two years ago.

He was going on to Egypt to see Colonel Nasser, mainly to discuss Israel-Egypt relations. On his last visit to Egypt a year ago Colonel Nasser had not objected in principle to his plan for the U.S., Britain and France, the Powers who signed the 1950 Declaration, to station token forces in the Gaza Strip, but he did not know what the Egyptian attitude would be after the Suez Canal Zone agreement with Britain.

Mr. Crossman thought that Egypt was the least disinclined of the Arab States to consider peace with Israel, though the sort of peace terms put forward were quite unacceptable to this country. For instance, Colonel Nasser wanted the Negev south of the Gaza-Beersheba line. Still, he believed that Egypt might in the long run take the initiative in peace negotiations.

Mr. Crossman held out no hopes for the conclusion of formal peace treaties with the Arabs during the next 10 or 15 years, though it might be possible to arrive at a more peaceful situation by dealing with specific questions, such as water and compensation for refugees.

There was a growing opinion in the British Labour Party, Mr. Crossman continued, that the presence of foreign troops in Iraq and other Middle East countries gave no security and increased political instability. In the age of nuclear weapons, he declared, any attempt to organize the defence of the Middle East by building up local Arab military forces was absolute insanity. Peace in the area must come first.

Speaking of the Israel trade union movement, Mr. Crossman said that it was led by men with long experience and it was looked on in England as coeval with their own movement. It was greatly to the credit of the Histadrut that it had taken the unpopular step of introducing a wages restraint policy, without which the economic consolidation of the past two years could not have been achieved.

CAR FOR DISABLED WOMAN SOLDIER

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The first disabled ex-service woman to receive a car from the Ministry of Defence won her driving licence last week after taking the test three times. She is Ohela Halevy, the singer, wife of Shye Ophir of the Chamber Theatre.

The car was specially adapted to enable her to drive using her hands only.

Treasury 'Amazed' By Teachers' Strike Talk

The Ministry of Finance last night issued a statement expressing its "amazement" at the threat of the Teachers Union to strike if December salaries were not paid by January 12.

The Ministry states that in view of the fact that by January 7, 85 per cent of all teachers had received their December pay, "it is questionable whether the decision of the Teachers Union can be considered either responsible or logical."

1,500 HEAR SHOLEM ASCH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

REHOVOT, Saturday. — Over 1,500 Rehovot citizens heard Sholem Asch lecture this morning on "Humanism and Jewry's lack of understanding," although the local Chief Rabbi, E. Bar-Shaul, had denounced the novelist as a "traitor and apostate," in posters throughout the town. The local Labour Council arranged the meeting, which had to be transferred to a larger hall to cope with the big audience.

T.V., Commercials Under Consideration

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The advice of a public committee is to be sought by the Government on the desirability of establishing television in this country, the Minister of Posts, Dr. Y. Burg, told the Press here yesterday. Another committee might be consulted on the advisability of financing the expansion of radio broadcasts by selling time to commercial firms.

Dr. Burg also said that the "coins" series of postal stamps will be soon replaced by a new series, featuring the emblems of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Others in preparation will show old synagogues, including that of Worms, and landscapes of this country.

The Post Office recently destroyed a large quantity of obsolete stamps, including the Jewish National Fund tokens which were used at the end of the Mandate.

Israelis send an average of 50 letters each a year, and each holds 60 telephone conversations. Telephones cover over half of his Ministry's budget, which is expected next year to remain at its present level of IL.22.7m. The increase in telegram rates last year led to a 10 per cent decrease in the number, Dr. Burg remarked.

Equipment for 24 radio-telephone installations in Negev settlements has been ordered from Reparations funds. It will supplement the equipment already operating in seven settlements in the Negev, in all mail vans serving almost 500 settlements, and the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem and Tel Aviv-Haifa service.

Five public telephone booths will be established soon to try out a new automatic device invented by the Post Office technicians.

Direct dialling from Jerusalem and Haifa to Tel Aviv was promised by the Minister for this summer.

The turnover of the Postal Bank in November was IL.31m., Dr. Burg stated.

Fishing Fleet to be Doubled to 38

HAIFA, Saturday. — The fishing fleet will double its capacity to 38 vessels within a year, and eight fishing boats are due within the next three months from Germany where they are being built under the Reparations Agreement. Details of the Ministry of Agriculture's programme in this field were announced by its senior officials in Haifa yesterday, at a reception which marked the arrival of the first of the eight boats from Germany.

The 75-ton Ophir sailed 21 days from Hamburg to Haifa, through rough weather until Gibraltar and sunshine thereafter. Her master is Israel Averbuch, of Ma'agan Michael, which is acquiring the IL.125,000 boat with the aid of a IL.42,000 Government subsidy and a 20-year, three per cent loan from the Jewish Agency which is now resuming its policy, suspended since the end of the Mandate, of promoting the sea-fishing industry.

The Ophir is well-equipped, with radio-telephone and echo sounder. Her hold has space for eight tons of fish, and she can carry fuel and water for 10 days. Three of the eight boats will be 140-ton vessels and will cost IL.140,000 each.

Of five trawler hulls bought in Britain, two have already been fitted with engines here and put into service, and the Hayama shipyards are to build another five vessels within a year.

The Ministries of Agriculture and Communications have agreed on establishing a new fishing fleet space in the Kishon Harbour with all necessary services, including a refrigeration plant, workshops, stores and a slipway. The Municipality has promised to provide a club for the fishermen here.

In 1954, the local fishing industry marketed 9,000 tons; of these, 5,500 tons were from pond fisheries and 3,500 tons from lake fishing, the Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said. At the same time, the Government imported 13,000 tons of sea fish at a cost of $3.5m. The arrival of the new boat should double the catch of sea fish this year.

A spokesman for the Fishermen's Union complained that while its members had to pay the IL.1.800 rate for all equipment, including fuel, the imported sea fish was marketed at IL.1 per dollar. He urged the Government to restrict the import of sea fish at a time when local supplies were plentiful and were often sold below cost price or turned into fish meal.

Bad Trade Balance Ups Shipping Costs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Saturday—The dependence of the shipping industry on a more favourable balance of trade was stressed by Dr. N. Wydra, a director of the Zim company, at the fortnightly luncheon meeting yesterday of the Haifa Maritime Club.

Addressing the members on "Obstacles to the Development of Zim," Dr. Wydra pointed to the fact that a large excess of imports over exports necessitated high freight charges on imported goods to compensate for the West-bound sailings of ships which were not filled to capacity. The greatest possibility for increasing the nation's exports, he said, lay in the development of the West African market, which at present was not importing any Israel products.

Dr. Wydra stated that his company was considering entering the field of commerce, pointing out that in fields other than the citrus industry there was no body equivalent to the Citrus Marketing Board.

The centralization of the shipping industry in one large company served to ease dealings with large foreign shipping syndicates such as the Scandinavian companies. These syndicates ordinarily imposed severe restrictions on Israel carriers, which a large company could more easily withstand.

The Zim company intends to increase its capital holdings, Dr. Wydra concluded, by the sale of additional shares to stockholders.

About 2,200 seamen are at present employed on Israel ships as compared with 100 in 1947/48, Dr. Wydra told a press conference broadcast over Kol Yisrael. Of this number only 35 are non-Jews.

Haifa Port Records

Haifa handled more freight during 1954 than in any previous year, the Director of the Port of Haifa Authority, Mr. Amos Landman, has revealed here.

The chief factor in the efficient handling of this record of 1,607,000 tons was the "healthy and cooperative spirit" of all concerned, he said. The previous record was 1,508,000 tons in 1951.

Most significant in last year's freight traffic was the increase over previous years in the proportion of goods exported, which consisted of about one-third of the total, although there were several years in the period before the War of Liberation, when as much as 40% of the freight represented exports.

Of the 550,000 tons exported last year, 317,000 were citrus products. Mr. Landman pointed out that the total tonnage handled last year did not represent the capacity of the Port which stood at between two and two-and-a-half million tons.

An increasing percentage of goods are being loaded directly from ship to land transport and from land transport directly onto ship without the use of warehouse facilities.

Haifa Port Worker Killed in Fall

HAIFA, Saturday. — A port worker was fatally injured on Thursday night, when he lost his grip and fell into the hold of the s.s. Meir Dizengoff which was loading here.

The man, Yehoshua Lechfeld, 47, fell into the hold from the top of a ladder leading to the deck and struck his head on a metal object. He died in Rambam Hospital early Friday morning.

'Drivers Also Walk'

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A reminder that every driver is a pedestrian once he gets out of his vehicle was given by Traffic Police Inspector M. Dayan at a meeting of the Shelev transport cooperative in Beit Liessin here today. The gathering, called to deal with the road accident prevention, followed a meeting between the Minister of Communications and representatives of transport cooperatives.

Mr. Dayan said that all drivers should remember while at the wheel that members of their families were pedestrians and at the mercy of other drivers.

The technical side of the question was discussed by Inspector N. Maimon, head of the Traffic Division of the Tel Aviv Police.

NEW TEL AVIV CINEMA

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — A new cinema, Zamir, was opened below ground at 34 Allenby Road here last night. The cinema hall, which has 350 seats, is partly owned by those who controlled the Kessem cinema which was requisitioned to house the Knesset six years ago. The architect is Oscar Hecht.

Mr. J. Sprinzak, the Knesset Speaker, was among those present at the inauguration performance on Thursday.

RATION NEWS

The January butter ration coupon is Samah 8 and not Samah 1, as previously announced.

Holon Merchant Parries Counsel's Questions in Rosenberg Inquiry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — For more than three hours yesterday Mr. Y. Shlachter, a Holon merchant, stood in the witness box during the second day of the preliminary investigation into charges against Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Rosenberg, M.K., Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, and Rabbi Yosef Ellinson, a leader of the World Mizrahi Union, of obtaining under false pretences a permit to transfer foreign currency.

Defying most of the attempts by the defence counsel, Mr. reply to his questions, Mr. Y. Salomon, to get a direct Shlachter had the court resounding with hearty laughter on several occasions. Asked why he kept accusing Rabbi Rosenberg of handling all the business side of the money transfer and denying Rabbi Nurock's connection with it, Mr. Shlachter explained that Rabbi Rosenberg was a merchant while Rabbi Nurock was a rabbi. Rabbi Mordechai Nurock, M.K., testified on Friday.

The witness claimed that he had paid Rabbi Rosenberg IL.2,000 for access to the contribution from an anonymous Swiss donor of $25,000 to Mizrahi funds so that he could go ahead with an application for the transfer of the currency. The money was to be used for the import of raisins for making wine and for wood.

During the course of yesterday's hearing, the defence counsel read to the Court parts of the statement which Mr. Shlachter had previously made to the police and which contradicted several of the statements which the witness had made in court. Mr. Shlachter was warned on one occasion by Magistrate B. Giladi that if he did not state clearly which of his conflicting statements was the truth, he might be charged with perjury.

Examined in Yiddish

The examination of the witness was conducted in Yiddish. At one stage he told the defence counsel that he did not understand the latter's *"Sabra Yiddish."* The roles of questioner and witness were reversed several times during the cross examination, and at times only the patience and tact of the magistrate prevented the hostility between the two from developing into a verbal brawl.

Deputy District Superintendant of Police, D. Vardi, testified that Rabbis Rosenberg and Ellinson had made statements to him but had not signed them in case there might be something that they wished to change later. To a question from the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, who is conducting the prosecution, he replied that the accused had been sent copies of their statements, and since then he had not heard from them on the subject. Two sheaves of papers which Mr. Vardi confirmed were the statements in question, were passed to the bench without being read out.

Mr. Y. Brin, Deputy Controller of Foreign Currency at the Ministry of Finance, told the Court that when the application was made for the freeing of the account held in the name of Dr. Rom, of Switzerland, he did not know that the money was a gift to an Israel institution and that, had he known, he would not have given such a favourable rate of exchange.

During the hearing, Rabbi Rosenberg seemed to be ill at ease, although he joined in the laughter at some of Mr. Shlachter's remarks even when these were directed against himself. Rabbi Ellinson appeared quite composed.

The investigation is to continue tomorrow and is expected to conclude on Monday.

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Bat Galim Crew Give To Flood Relief

The captain of the Bat Galim, Mr. Zvi Shidlo, and his family were received by President Ben-Zvi on Friday and Mr. Shidlo presented IL.75 to the President's Fund for the relief of flood victims. The money was collected by the ship's crew in fulfilment of a pledge they had made while in an Egyptian prison.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi on Friday received eight students of the primary school attached to the Rehavia Secondary School in Jerusalem, who presented her with IL.122 collected by the 370 students of the school.

The fund has so far received IL.11,700.

Some IL.20,000 is needed immediately to provide flood victims with clothes, mattresses and blankets in the Tel Aviv area alone, Mr. Bezalel Ya'acowson, Director of the Tel Aviv Social Welfare Department, said on Friday.

Bus Firms to Get Loan Offer Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Director General of the Ministry of Finance, is to meet representatives of the bus cooperatives in Jerusalem tomorrow to discuss the terms of a loan the Government is prepared to arrange in order to keep the buses going.

The Managing boards of the Eshed, Dan and Hamekasher are to meet in Tel Aviv on Monday to discuss the Ministry's proposals.

The findings of the public commission, now inquiring into public transport, are expected to be published by February 15, according to a verbal promise which Judge B. Zohar, Chairman of the Commission, is understood to have made to the bus companies.

'President' May Turn Into Boarding House

Jerusalem Post Reporter

"If the strikers don't return to work tomorrow, the management intends to close the hotel and run it as a boarding house," Mr. Haim Schiff, Director of the President Hotel, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. This would mean employing only about five workers, and the strikers would therefore be dismissed.

There is only one guest in the hotel at present.

Should the strikers return to work, Mr. Schiff said, he believes that it would be possible to pay them their arrears of salary within two weeks. Those who were dismissed before the strike would receive salary owing to them within three or four days. This money would not come from the Hotel's income but from a private loan.

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Sunday, Feb. 13 — Series "6"
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Armon Theatre, at 9 p.m.
Wed., Jan. 26 — Series "1"
Thurs., Jan. 27 — Series "2"
JERUSALEM: Edison Hall,
Thursday, Feb. 3, at 9 p.m.

Givatayim to Insure Its Children

RAMAT GAN, Saturday. — All schoolchildren of Givatayim are to be insured against traffic accidents, according to a contract signed yesterday by Mr. C. Ben Zvi, Chairman of the Givatayim Local Council, and Mr. D. Bader, for Hasneh Insurance Company. Compensation in the case of partial or total invalidity will be paid to the parents, in addition to compensation for each day's absence from school.

Among the parents of the 2,000 children involved, many unable to pay the full premium of IL.1.200 per annum receive help from the Council.

Hasneh has planned an accident prevention campaign in the schools. Careful pedestrians are to get prizes from the company.

GIVATAYIM—TEL AVIV BORDER FIXED

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The boundaries of Givatayim and Tel Aviv have been finally fixed by the Ministry of Interior after a dispute which had dragged on for over two years, it is learned. The housing estate for Tel Aviv Municipal employees, numbering 100 families, will henceforth belong to Givatayim, while the large housing project for regular servicemen, formerly within the limits of Givatayim, will become part of Tel Aviv. Givatayim extends its territory by some 800 dunams, land mostly held by the Custodian of Abandoned Property.

British Hand Jerrycan Factory to Egypt

MOASCAR, Suez Canal Zone, Saturday (Reuter). — A British Army factory which produces more than half a million petrol cans a year is to be handed over to the Egyptian Government next Tuesday, a British military spokesman announced here tonight.

The Jerrycan factory, which covers six acres of desert at Fanara, about 32 kms. from Moascar, is the first of the Army's large installations to be transferred to Egypt under the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the evacuation of the Suez Canal base, the spokesman added.

A pipeline between Suez and Cairo which was built by the British Army was also handed over to Egypt recently under this agreement.

Figures now released show that about 3,000 tons of British Air Force stores were disposed of in the base to the Egyptian armed forces and Egyptian firms in the last four months of last year.

THE PROPELLERS of the American freighter, s.s. Expeditor, hit the bow of an empty Ogen passenger launch in Haifa Port on Friday night and sank it. The launch was raised yesterday and will be repaired.

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Cables in Brief

CHILE.—A New Chilean Cabinet was sworn in on Thursday night by President General Carlos Ibanez after an eight-day Government crisis.

TRADE.—Refrigerator No. 8, the first of a new series of 900-ton fishing refrigerator ships to be built for the Soviet Union, was launched in Copenhagen on Thursday.

POPE.—Pope Pius XII on Friday received another of the blood transfusions prescribed by his doctors a month ago. His condition today was authoritatively described as satisfactory.

U.S.-ITALY.—Italy and the U.S. last night concluded an agreement setting up a new system of trade and aid to stimulate Italian exports and employment. Under the agreement American coal will be exchanged for certain Italian products, which will then be supplied to "less industrialized countries."

RHODESIA.—Three leaders of the Northern Rhodesia African (native) National Congress have been arrested in Lusaka and charged with possessing illegal publications.

CATS.—A grant of $6,000 for a study of the nutritional requirements of 20 million American cats has been made to the Rutgers University Bureau of Biological Research by the Morris Animal Memorial Foundation of Kansas.

OBIT.—Eugene Tarle, 80, one of the Soviet Union's best-known historians and a member of the Academy of Sciences, died in Moscow on Friday after a long illness.

THIRD SON BORN TO EGYPTIAN PREMIER

CAIRO, Saturday (Reuter). — The wife of Prime Minister Gamel Abdul Nasser gave birth to a son today. He is to be named Abdul Hakim Amer, after the Minister of War who is the Premier's great friend and a fellow revolutionist officer.

Abdul Nasser has two sons, aged 12 and 10, and two daughters, aged eight and four.

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Celebrations, commemorating Jewish Volunteering, which will be held during the month of March 1955, include all Servicemen having served in Palestinian Units of the British Army during the Second World War.

The Committee entrusted with preparations for these celebrations wishes to ensure that all units, even the smallest, participate in all activities, projects, meetings, parade, festival etc.

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BETTER CLIMATE

EGYPTIAN reports that the Bat Galim would be released over the week-end have proved incorrect for the very simple reason that the Israel Government appears to be disinclined to have a foreign shipping company take delivery of the vessel, as the Egyptians had proposed. The meeting of the Security Council to be resumed this week will therefore still be faced with a decision on the all-important principle of freedom of passage, of which in any case the fate of the hulk of the Bat Galim is but part.

At this stage of the protracted discussion it can be said to mark a satisfactory advance in the problem of Israel's rights in the Suez Canal. The upshot of last week's Security Council exchange was that the three great Western Powers expressed themselves more strongly and unitedly on the question of freedom of passage for Israel-bound shipping than at any time since the resolution to that effect was passed by the Council in 1951. Although it cannot be predicted what the USSR will do, local Press reports on Friday afternoon that, following the two meetings between Mr. Sharett and the USSR Ambassador, the Soviet Union will not this time exercise its veto, may be more than wishful thinking.

The final phases of this latest struggle over the question of freedom of passage through the Canal will come, interestingly enough, just at the close of the first year of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett's, assumption of the Prime Ministership.

In January, 1954, Israel's position vis à vis the West, and its diplomatic influence, were rather shaky due to a number of events which had unfortunate repercussions. Notable among these was the effect of Kibya, an operation which was both eagerly misrepresented abroad and too readily misunderstood. The ground lost there could only be regained by a long and patient process of firm and consistent insistence on certain lines of Israel's approach, and the exercise of iron restraint in the face of incessant provocation from without, and mounting public pressure from within to answer those provocations.

Certainly at the end of a year the position has eased as between Israel and the great Powers even if no positive diplomatic triumphs have yet been marked up. The improvement in atmosphere is shown by the fact that the Western Powers and particularly the United States have now abandoned the take-it-or-leave-it attitude with which Mr. Byroade presented his turn towards Arab appeasement, in favour of at least an attempt to explain to its own people and to Israel the reasons for its policies. American policy now seems to offer certain modifications, however tenuous, and to show a more friendly face towards Israel. It can also be said that there does seem to be a move in the direction of finding some common ground for the ultimate reconciliation of Israel and the Arab states. While this too has not gone very far, the fact that things have moved must be largely attributed to the unyielding stand on all matters of principle maintained by the Prime Minister who has been able, by virtue of holding the additional portfolio of Foreign Minister, to avoid even the appearance of there being more than one view in the field of our foreign relations.

The Prime Minister begins his second year of office, then, with the heavy and perplexing agenda of problems which he found on his slate in 1954. The Johnston water plan is still pending; the effects of the British evacuation of Suez—then in its starting phase—are now accumulating, while the new turn in United States policy is still maintained in substance, particularly in relation to the arming of the Arab states.

But though the agenda remains the same, the atmosphere — and this is no less true of London than of Washington — in which it is now being considered has improved in great measure. This must be scored up as a positive gain in the present delicate state of international relationships, and especially in view of Israel's very exposed position.

Strijdom Disappoints Extremist Followers

By JOHN WORRALL

CAPE TOWN, (OFNS). — WITH Mr. Hans Strijdom, the new Prime Minister, now settled into office and feeling the responsibilities of his position, keen interest is being displayed in the legislation to be brought before the South African Parliament which opens this month.

The Republic that was to come has been indefinitely postponed, to the disappointment of Mr. Strijdom's Transvaal followers who thought that, with the retirement of Dr. Malan and Mr. Havenga from the Cabinet and active politics, the Republican dream would the sooner become a reality. But it may well be that Mr. Strijdom will find, as Mr. Malan found, that the obstacles in the way of transforming this fifty per cent Royalist country into a Republic, whether inside or outside the Commonwealth, are at the present time well-nigh insuperable.

The United Party opposition, mainly Royalist in sympathy, is still too powerful; there are too many doubters in the ranks of the Nationalists, and big business is adamant against any move that would cause a trade recession or prejudice the great advances of industry. The indications are that the Strijdom Government will play down the Republican issue in favour of the "Sovereignty of Parliament" issue that centres round the Coloured vote. Mr. Strijdom, from his vantage point of power as Minister of Lands in the Malan Cabinet, was the main force behind the Government's struggle with the Courts over the legislation to remove the Coloured voters of the Cape from the common electoral roll. The Courts, it will be remembered, threw out the Separate Representation of Voters' Act as being illegal and unconstitutional. This was the only defeat the Nationalists suffered during their period of power and it has rankled ever since.

Mr. Strijdom has promised tough legislation that will settle the matter once and for all. He regards the Courts' action as being contrary to the absolute sovereignty of Parliament and thinks their function is to interpret and enforce the law as laid down by Parliament, not to test it. The testing rights of the South African courts in matters affecting the constitution, and especially where it affects the voting rights of the Coloured people, derives from the South Africa Act. Mr. Strijdom regards the Act as one imposed by a foreign power (Britain) on a subject people and therefore no longer valid for the new sovereignty of South Africa. The United Party believes he will reintroduce the Appeal Division Bill, dropped last year, which creates a special higher court of constitutional appeal consisting of five judges and removing the testing rights of the present Appeal Court.

This new court would have power to revalidate the Voters' Act by reversing the judgment of the Appeal Court in 1952. This, of course, would be a grave step to take and would undoubtedly cause a clash with the judiciary and a first rate constitutional crisis. The Bill would entail the appointment of judges with Nationalist sympathies who could be expected to reverse the Appeal Court judgment. When this Bill was first introduced rather tentatively by Dr. Malan, fears were expressed that this legislation, if successful, would destroy South Africa's fine traditions of an independent and objective judiciary. It was also stated that it was unlikely that the Government would be able to find five senior judges prepared to sacrifice their legal traditions in order to toe the party line.

The Government is also expected to step up the pressure on Britain for a move towards the transfer of the British Protectorates of Bechuanaland, Basutoland, and Swaziland to South Africa. So far, Britain has refused to hand them over without the approval of the native peoples, which is not likely to be granted while the Union's native policy remains as it is. South Africa, however, regards these territories as rightfully hers in view of the close economic and territorial ties. This view is not confined to the Nationalist Party. The Government is particularly anxious for a settlement on this issue in view of the rumours that the British Labour Party, if returned to power, plans to return Seretse Khama to the chieftainship of the Bamangwato tribe from which he was deposed in 1950. It is thought that one of the reasons why Mr. Strijdom has broken with tradition and is to transfer the department of External Affairs from himself to Mr. Eric Louw is because he wishes a Minister to give his full attention to this problem.

In view of pressure from industry and from certain sections of the Nationalist Party and its Press, it seems possible that the Government will reintroduce a modified form of mass immigration to fill the huge gaps in skilled labour requirements of industry and to strengthen the White population of the Union. So far the Government has been reluctant to do so for purely political reasons though it acknowledges the need of more White settlers to counter the rising birthrate of the non-Europeans. The major economic development in the New Year will be a gradual lifting of restrictions on the import of raw materials and machinery for which industry is starved.

Friday's Press

Strike Would Hit Busmen

COMMENTING on the strike threat made by the three bus companies following their demand for a 25 per cent rise in fares, "Davar" (Histadrut) says that such a strike in a vital public service is inadmissible, especially if not supported by anyone except the members of the cooperatives concerned. Recalling the record of difficult relations between the Histadrut and the bus cooperatives, the paper thinks that the strike would adversely affect the bus cooperatives most of all. The Histadrut, which opposes a traffic stoppage even for a single hour, cannot possibly continue to defend the cooperatives if they disobey the Executive. The paper expresses the hope that busmen will have a last minute change of heart.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) again surveys the Government budget for 1955 and believes that a decision will be made on it in the next few days. Some headway has been made in comparison with past years. But if no additional measures are taken to cut down government expenditure, no further progress will be made.

"Haboker" (General Zionist), commenting on recent and "too violent" labour disputes, reiterates its demand for a State Labour Exchange. This and a more just distribution of the work would reduce the number of disputes.

Several papers comment on recent party negotiations and the talks between Mr. Ben Gurion and left-wing labour leaders. The most original contribution is made by Dr. Moshe Sneh in "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) who reaches the conclusion that (a) the talks between Ben Gurion, Ya'ari and Tabenkin have been sponsored by the Pentagon rather than the White House and (b) the talks are directly connected with the rearming of West Germany. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) less sensational but no less opposed to Ben Gurion's projects, publishes both an editorial (denouncing Ben Gurion's refusal to support a "programmatic pact" between Mapai and Mapam) and the text of the Mapam Executive's resolutions.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) quotes Mr. Y. Tabenkin: "We shall fight against the undemocratic project for electoral reform." "Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) joins the same chorus and says that observant Jews must oppose the two party system.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) thinks that the Government and the Police should intervene in cases of food adulteration. But this alone would not be sufficient and consumers should unite (just as they have done in many other countries) to defend their own interests. Such initiative would counteract the influence of producers' pressure groups.

MUSICAL DIARY

Kol Yisrael Orchestra, conducted by Heinz Freudenthal. Y.M.C.A. Auditorium, January 4.

Menahem Avidom: first act and Bacchanale from "Alexandra the Hasmonean"; Libretto: A. Ashman. Soloists: Rose Sander, Bema Samsonov, Naomi Zuri, Haim Fleischner, Efraim Wagner, Eliahu Balva, Imre Haydu, etc., and Kol Zion Lagola Vocal Ensemble.

Tchaikovsky: Concerto No. 1, in B-flat minor for piano and orchestra. Soloist: Menahem Pressler.

THE plot of this opera deals with the legendary period of Jewish history during the Roman occupation, when Alexandra, of the Hasmonean family following the mission of her ancestors, once liberators of Judea, again takes up the fight for her nation's freedom.

It is certainly not easy to judge an entire work after hearing only one act and a Bacchanale. A stage *premiere* might have left a more favourable impression.

A satisfactory proportion between the whole score and the vocal sections is proof that Mr. Avidom knows how theatrical music should be handled. On the other hand, the score is not free from mannerisms that occur in the form of employing devices which might have been up to date at the turn of the century, but are dull in contemporary writing. It would have been worth-while for the composer to find a more genuine and formal expression, than to write something in the grand manner with one eye, perhaps, on La Scala.

Despite a relatively short period of rehearsals the performance showed that a great deal of work had been put into it, and Mr. Freudenthal, the choir and soloists deserve the utmost appreciation. Rose Sander, who sang the part of Alexandra, exhibited anew the qualities that will surely make her one of our few great vocalists. Samsonov, Zuri, Wagner, Haydu and Balva were most to our liking among the other soloists.

Menahem Pressler's appearance in the Tchaikovsky Concerto was a delight. His playing has grandeur, nobility and a Hellenic modesty which, at the same time, gives his performance power without ever making it sound exaggerated, and was well supported by the orchestra. Since his return from a long stay in the U.S., Pressler has broadcast several times with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. We wonder why the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has not yet taken the opportunity of giving this internationally known artist an opportunity to perform with them?

Antonia Lavanne—Soprano. Song Recital: Wolfsohn, Sternberg, Kadosa, Beeson and Milhaud. Accompanist: Arie Sachs—piano. Kol Yisrael, January 5.

IT certainly needed a great deal of courage on the part of Miss Lavanne to present an entirely contemporary bill. Yet her good taste and refined delivery provided 25 minutes of pleasant listening to an otherwise "hard to get at for the first time" selection.

Wolfsohn and Sternberg have marked neo-romantic tendencies, while the Hungarian, Kadosa, represented the folklore school. More integral problems presented themselves in the songs of the young American-Jewish composer, Jack Beeson. His use of syncopation stems straight from the Elizabethan madrigalists (an opportunity for the effective use of the English language in song) but the vocal line offers a more complex and chromatic texture above a beautifully foglike accompaniment. (Mr. Beeson studied in Rome on an American Academy of Music scholarship and won the international opera competition in Milano).

Four songs from Milhaud's "Voyage D'Eté," with their inimitable Gallic gaiety, were the climax of the successful programme. Mr. Sachs, as always, was a reliable and versatile partner at the piano.

Y. SARAI

In Tel Aviv

Israel Philharmonic Orchestra Ohel Shem, January 3. Soloist Aldo Ciccolini.

THE young Italian pianist, Aldo Ciccolini, in his first concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, captivated a packed Ohel Shem Hall on Monday evening with his subtle approach to Schumann's piano concerto. The quiet, unassuming way in which he mounted the platform belied the fact that, at the age of 30, he is a Professor at the Naples Conservatoire, and has toured Europe and South America, appearing with the world's great orchestras. He has an exquisite sense of colour and a tender, yielding touch. His superlative treatment of the first movement was an admirable example of both originality in style and cooperation with the conductor.

Celibidache, himself, is an exceptional performer. He uses not only his baton to command obedience from the orchestra, but also his flexible face, interpreting the composer's creation with zest and purpose, through the medium of his own feelings. This was apparent both in his presentation of Glinka's Overture to "Russian and Ludmilla," which opened the programme, and in Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony. The Orchestra has earned every word of praise accorded it.

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All Quiet In Panama

By J. HALCRO FERGUSON

LONDON, (OFNS). — COLONEL Jose Antonio Remon, the President of Panama, and long that country's Chief of Police, who was assassinated last week, was one of the two most important figures in the Republic.

The other was Dr. Arnulfo Arias, a mercurial figure, several times President, who was regarded as pro-Axis during World War II and made himself unpopular in the Caribbean by introducing discriminatory legislation against Panama's large British West Indian community. Dr. Arias has been detained for questioning, though he is not believed to be personally responsible.

Indeed, it is difficult to see the motive for the assassination, since no attempt has been made to follow it up by revolution or *coup d'etat*, and the Vice-President, Jose Ramon Guizado, and the National Assembly, have been able to carry on their constitutional duties.

This is rather surprising in Panama, a country born of revolution with a short history dominated by political violence, intrigue and corruption. Originally a part of the Spanish colony of Nueva Granada, and subsequently a province of the Republic of Colombia, Panama broke away in 1903 with substantial moral and physical assistance from the United States, which was having difficulties with Colombia in negotiations over the proposed construction of the inter-oceanic canal. The new Republic immediately signed a treaty granting the United States sovereign rights in perpetuity over a ten-mile wide strip of territory running across the centre of the country.

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Part of the agreement between the two countries stipulated that the United States should be responsible for Panama's defence, and consequently Panama has no armed forces except a police force of 3,270. This is why Colonel Remon, as Chief of Police, exercised such power.

The death of Colonel Remon may give new hopes to the irrepressible Dr. Arias but present evidence seems to show that the country has matured somewhat and may be able to do without a "strong man," particularly as Dr. Arias' inordinate fondness for office has made him now something of a joke. But in any case the presence of United States forces in the Canal Zone and the inflow of U.S. dollars into the Republic provide a stability which limits the importance of political changes inside the country.

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Parliamentary Report

KNESSET MARKING TIME

By LEA BEN DOR

TO a large extent the Knesset has retired between the walls of the Committee rooms, and during the past week most of the time of the Assembly was given up to *hors d'oeuvres*, such as 33 questions, two motions for debate and even a vote of non-confidence, a rarity in the Knesset.

The reason for this appearance of marking time is that the members are working very hard; there are 42 laws before the committees being prepared for their first reading, about half of them of this year's vintage, but with the oldest dating back to February 26, 1952, the day on which the committee received it. Four others have passed their first reading and are being polished up for the final passage through the House itself and the vote.

These laws include such hoary items as the Knesset Law itself, which has been waiting for well over a year, and the Foreign Currency law, which has waited over from the First Knesset, and is likely to continue in its present obscurity until the Third Knesset, and a more stable state of affairs in Israel finances. A point that has to be considered is that any law not finished within the life-time of one Knesset must start right back at the beginning again, and go through all the stages, and the Knesset is therefore in an understandable hurry to process as many as possible of the 42 laws on the waiting list and see them through the Assembly before it breaks up in August, with rather less than six working months to go.

Among the most urgent of the waiting laws is the Election Law, on which the Laws Committee has been sitting steadily. This has passed its first reading and is back in Committee, and it is understood that no formal amendment will be needed to introduce the two per cent clause. As the present law provides that no Party polling less than one per cent of all votes can send a member to the Knesset—though, with 120 members, a little less than a single per cent would theoretically entitle them to do so—the change to a minimum of two per cent can be carried out by agreement in the Committee, as one of the paragraphs to be voted on by the full Assembly during the final reading. As first proposed early last year, the minimum was to be 10 per cent, and would probably have cut out all but the two largest parties, Mapai and the General Zionists, though a Religious Bloc, if formed, and a united Mapam might have had a chance.

Even the two per cent clause as contemplated now will, of course, affect one group in the Knesset of which little is heard though it commands a full five seats — the three small Arab parties affiliated with Mapai. The largest of these is the Nazareth group "Democracy for Israel Arabs," which are led by Seif e-Din Zu'bi, Masad Kasis and Sheikh Jaber Ma'die, the latter a Druze. Unless it has lost a good many of its votes, this list should be able to clear the hurdle of a minimum of two and a half members with a little to spare. The two other Arab Mapai supporters are another Druze, Sheikh Saleh Khneifis, of "Progress and Work," and Fares Hamdan, from the Little Triangle, of "Farming and Development," neither of whose lists is likely to survive.

At first sight it would seem simple to combine these three lists, which in any case always vote together. As against this, there is first of all the political history of the Arab minority in Israel, consisting of several religious and national groups further split by family influences. These splits have been to some extent accentuated by competition between varying Mapai groups and their differing contacts and spheres of influence among the Arab population which explains, for instance, why Druze members appear on two different lists. Unless these groups join for the coming vote, the vacuum created is likely to assist other parties. Those will include both the Communists, who gave a high priority on their list to two Arab candidates at the last election, and the first independent Arab National list, headed jointly by the Haifa lawyer, Mr. Elias Kousa, and by a Nazareth merchant, Mr. Youssef Fahoum, which has the spiritual support of Bishop Hakim and other elements of extreme anti-Israel colouring.

Mapam has claimed the Arab workers as their special wards since the early days following the establishment of the State, and they also have an Arab member in the Knesset, Mr. Rustum Bastouni, though their Arab vote is by now negligible. The General Zionists have already begun a pre-election campaign in some of the Arab agricultural areas, and Herut is planning to do the same thing. Whatever emerges, the Arab voter will not be neglected.

For all this, the House might have been near the two-party system for which Mr. Ben Gurion is crusading. The later compromise proposal of four per cent would have kept only the small fry out, while the present agreement is little more than a face-saving device for the General Zionists, which has made it possible to restore full collective responsibility in the Government. The percentage clause, and its implications, probably one of the reasons for Mr. Ben Gurion's retirement at the time, a threatening death-blow to the small but not un-influential four-man Progressive party, the occasion for several cabinet crises, and for four and a half months of limping cooperation, will finally be settled by three minutes' work in Committee. Thus are the mighty fallen.

There are also such difficult matters as the Security of the State Law, the law on the appointment of Rabbinical Judges, on secondary education, on the uniting of municipal areas and others, which could all be pushed through easily enough with the aid of what is known by the Opposition parties as the "mechanical majority" of the Coalition. But the Coalition is seeking a measure of agreement, not only among its own members—and they often hold the most diverse views themselves — but also among the other parties and the population as a whole. It will not be easy to finish the whole job, and no doubt part will be left undone, more particularly as the annual budget fever now lurks just round the corner.

Readers' Letters

'VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION'

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Mr. Edwin Samuel, in his letter of December 28, defends "Shurat Hamitnadvim" when they work within constitutional limits. However, there are members of the "Shura" who work in Government offices and who may receive certain information in the course of their work. An official who communicates such information to anyone but his superior is guilty of a serious offence.

I should like to ask Mr. Ha'Etzni if "Shurat Hamitnadvim" reminds those of its members who are Government officials to discharge their public duty in this respect — that is, to inform only their superiors of corruption etc., that may come to their attention. Or does the association encourage such a member to give this information to "Shurat Hamitnadvim"?

Yours, etc.,
MAX BREIT
Jerusalem, December 29.

WEEKLY'S DEMISE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was deeply shocked to learn today that the weekly "Ha'ooma," which I have read with great interest and whose issues I eagerly awaited, is going to be closed.

I think that instead of keeping its serious financial position a secret, the Editor should have appealed to the faithful nucleus of his readers, which undoubtedly exists. I believe that it is not yet too late to find a warm response.

Yours, etc.,
S. LICHTENSTEIN, C.E.
Jerusalem, January 2.

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